(c) if so, his reaction thereto and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The Government propose to set up a National Judicial Commission which would also draw up a Code of Ethics for the Judiciary. The proposal, however, would require Parliamentary legislation.

National Competition Policy for protection of domestic industry

†731. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experts have suggested to formulate a national competition policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such a policy is necessary for protection of domestic industry in this era of economic reforms; and

(c) if so, by when this policy would be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The Government has recently constituted a committee of experts with a view to examine the existing law (the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969) so as to shift its focus from curbing monopolies to promoting competition and to suggest a modern competition law in line with international developments to suit Indian conditions.

The Committee has been asked to submit its report within a period of three months. The Committee has requested time upto 31st March, 2000 to submit its report.

Law Commission's recommendation on judge population ratio

†732. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be- pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the recommendation of Law Commission there should be 50 judges for ten lakh of population; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?